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FROM ARS MAMMEN

L. FIRST SECRETARY FOR CULTURAL AFFAIRS, MME. PAULETTE
AGBOTON, IS FORMER LEADER GRANTEE.

2. WE QUICKLY AGREED PROGRAM INVOLVES INVITATIONS TO
INDIVIDUAL STUDENTS, RATHER THAN OFFICIAL
INVITATION TO GOVERNMENT. SHE THEREFORE GAVE ME HER
PERSONAL VIEWS ON PROPOSED CANDIDATES. SHE THOUGHT
AMOUZOU GOOD CHOICE, BECAUSE SHE IS FEMALE, AND SCHOLAR-
SHIP STUDENT. SHE THOUGHT THAT SINCE ADAMON SHOULD HAVE
RETURNED HOME FOLLOWING MASTERS DEGREE, GOVERNMENT WOULD
BE UNHAPPY TO SEE HIM REWARDED WITH TRIP WHILE HE IS
NOT "EN REGLE."

3. SHE SUGGESTED I SEND HER NOTE WITH NAMES OF ALL
DAHOMYANS WHO APPLIED FOR PROGRAM, SPECIFYING THOSE
ACCEPTED. SHE WOULD FORWARD THIS TO GOVERNMENT, EXPLAIN-
ING PROGRAM IS AVAILABLE IN DAHOMEY THROUGH AMERICAN
EMBASSY, BUT THAT PARIS PROGRAM IS OPEN TO ALL NATIONALI-
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TIES ON INDIVIDUAL BASIS, WITH NO QUOTAS. SHE FEELS THIS

WILL PERMIT GOVERNMENT TO SUGGEST NAMES OF THOSE
REFUSED IN PARIS (WHO MIGHT COMPLAIN ABOUT SELECTION) TO
AMEMBASSY COTONOU.

4. PLEASE ADVISE IF YOU HAVE WORDING OR TACTICAL
SUGGESTIONS.
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